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PRESIDENT: Amendment on the desk. Can we have order in the Chamber, please. (Gavel). There is an awful lot of conversation going on.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator DeCamp would move to amend the committee amendments. (Read the DeCamp amendment as found on page 1063 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Mr. President, I want to emphasize to everybody even though this has been low key on this issue, how important and how significant and how, quite frankly, controversial this issue is, and if we do this procedure, there seems to be little question but what the discussions in the interim study will involve an awful lot of personalities, the City of Bellevue, the City of Omaha, battle royal there. The places where you have the schools located, I guess outside the city limits such as I think Columbus, maybe Grand Island, Hastings, that battle. It involves them all, and it involves all the rural schools. Now it became apparent to a whole bunch of people, Senator Vickers, Senator DeCamp who was carrying a bill, 387, to force the battle this year, that probably we can't resolve it without a real legitimate honest to goodness study. And Senator Vickers came to me and he said, would you agree to a year's moratorium, all lines stay in place. So to speak, we stop the game, no encroachments anywhere until we work out a solution. Whether that solution is something agreed to and makes me happy or him happy or Bellevue happy or Omaha happy, or Columbus or Hastings, or whatever, that is secondary at this point. We all agree to lay down our swords and talk for a while. Problem, this amendment as proposed does not do that. It has one side lay down their swords and their shields and the other side allowed to march in with their troops, surround them, capture them, put them on the ground and then says on such and such a day you may finish chopping off the head. I do not believe that was Senator Vickers' intent. I am convinced that from his statements here just now that he intends to have a true moratorium and I would ask two questions of Senator Vickers to clarify it so I would know whether we are speaking on the same wave length because this is important. Senator Vickers, is it your intention to preserve the integrity of all school district boundaries against municipal annexation until September 1, 1984?

SENATOR VICKERS: Yes.

SENATOR DeCAMP: Okay. Question two, same theory. Is it your intention that any municipal annexation which would